

TRANSFER IS COMPLETED

C. & M. Road Passes Into Hands of Tucker, Anthony & Co.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL LINES

Is Promised at Once By New Owners--Canton-Massillon Holds Election Simply as Matter of Form.

The announcement has been made from Cleveland that the deal by which the Canton-Massillon Electric railway is to be absorbed and become a part of the Canton and Akron system, has been closed. The capitalists named by the News-Democrat in its first announcement are the ones that have secured the road. It is Tucker, Anthony & Co., and the Chicago and California capitalists who are back of the L. E. Meyers Construction and Equipment company that is now building the Canton and Akron line that have secured the city lines.

It is stated that the new company has facilities for the immediate equipment of the city line with the necessary cars and will take steps at once to put the road in first class shape. This will necessitate new power equipment, wires and poles over nearly the entire line.

John C. Welty was seen by a reporter Monday. He said that while there might be some matters of detail to look over and arrange yet, he was satisfied that the deal had been closed as stated in the Cleveland morning papers. He had not as yet been officially notified of the transfer.

R. S. Shields, who is counsel for the N. O. T. company in Canton, stated that he could give no definite information.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The regular annual election of the Canton-Massillon Electric Railway company was held in Canton, Monday morning. General Manager Currie, of the N. O. T. company, of Akron, was present. Directors were elected as follows: A. M. Snyder, G. W. Bodinet, E. W. Moore and J. T. Ross, of Cleveland; Charles Currie, of Akron; William A. Lynch and R. S. Shields, of Canton. Mr. Lynch continues as president. Mr. Currie was elected general manager, G. W. Bodinet secretary, and L. A. Leitch, of Canton, treasurer.

Mr. Currie was seen by a News-Democrat reporter and asked as to the transfer of the Canton-Massillon line to the Canton-Akron company. He said that the negotiations were being carried on at Cleveland and that he was not advised as to what had been done. The matter was not even discussed at the meeting of the directors, he said.

AT CLEVELAND.

The Cleveland Leader of Monday morning said:

The rumor that the Everett-Moore syndicate had disposed of the Akron-Canton electric line was partially confirmed by Mr. Everett yesterday. When asked if the syndicate had sold the property Mr. Everett said that he understood that it had been sold.

"The syndicate did have control of this line, did it not?" was asked by a Leader reporter.

"We did have before the line was sold," was the answer.

The sale of the Akron-Canton line also carries with it the sale of the Canton and Massillon street car system, the Canton-Massillon Interurban line, and the extension of the latter line to Navarre.

These properties were obtained for the syndicate several months ago by the Northern Ohio Traction company, which is a part of the Everett-Moore holdings.

Who the purchasers of the lines are could not be learned definitely, but it is said to be the banking house of Tucker, Anthony & Co., of Boston; L. E. Meyers, of Chicago, and several eastern capitalists. Mr. Meyers is the general manager of the Akron-Canton line. The transaction is said to involve about \$3,000,000.

The firm of Tucker, Anthony & Co., originally financed the Akron-Canton line, and was putting it through to completion when its interests were taken up by the Everett-Moore syndicate.

INDIANA PASTOR

Called to a Massillon Church.

(Staff Special.)

Massillon, Feb. 17.—At the close of the morning service at the Church of Christ Sunday the congregation endorsed the action of the board of trustees in extending a call to Rev. George Dacey, present pastor of the Church of Christ at Connersville, Ind., which he will accept. The pulpit of the local church has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. F. H. Simpson, who recently went west.

KNOCK-OUT PILL

Was Fed Young Shaffer, and He Filed Complaint.

MONDAY ROLL-CALL

In Mayor's Court, Answered by Some Old Offenders--Work-house Sentences Dealt Out to a Well-Known Woman.

Emma Simler, who has several times been imprisoned and was once an inmate of the penitentiary, was fined \$50 and costs and committed to the workhouse for 30 days by Mayor Robertson on Monday morning on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. W. H. Shaffer, a young man, brought the charge against the woman, claiming that he was drugged and robbed in her house on Saturday. Shaffer said that he went into the place to see a girl by the name of Laura. He had about \$15 with him. He gave Laura \$2 and was then persuaded to drink some beer. That was the last that he remembered until he realized that he was being ejected from the house. When he regained consciousness he found himself without a cent.

BANDAGED HAND OF NO AVAIL.

The woman was arrested Monday morning by Marshal Ed. Bour and Officer Shissler at her place in Jefferson street. She protested that she had received none of the money, although after she was returned to a cell, she said that she could have told who had it. Her left hand was tied up with bandages. This she held up before the mayor, declaring: "I've been laid up all winter and have not been out of the house. This is the first time I've been up town, and I couldn't help this."

"Fifty cents and 30 days to the workhouse," quoth his honor after this speech.

John W. Collins, an itinerant umbrella mender, got more than he bargained for when he applied for lodging at the police station on Saturday night. Turnkey Joe Reigler locked him up and got out a charge of drunkenness against him. Mayor Robertson thought that a man who had money for drink should be able to work for his lodging so Collins was fined \$10 and costs and sent to the workhouse for 10 days.

In a state of helpless intoxication, S. Wilson staggered about the streets on Saturday displaying a ferocious roll of bills in each hand.

HAD A BIG ROLL.

Officer Shissler arrested him and sent him to the police station where it was found that the man had \$51.49 on his person. After he had sobered up, Wilson posted a forfeit for his appearance on Monday evening and was allowed to leave the prison.

Howard Walters was arrested Saturday afternoon in a place on East Tuscarawas street. When arrested Walters said that he had been robbed of a sum of money. The police are investigating the story and the man will be given a hearing later when some of the facts concerning his actions on Saturday are brought to light.

There were a number of other drunks in the police court on Monday who received small fines.

THERESA VAUGHN IS AN INCURABLE

Pathetic Story of Her Condition in an Asylum in New England.

Boston, Feb. 17.—A pathetic story about the condition of Theresa Vaughn the once successful and popular actress, comes from the Worcester insane asylum, where she is confined in the ward for incurables. Even the attendants, hardened to the most pathetic sights, speak of her case as one of the most pitiable that they have ever observed.

She was committed to the asylum on April 17 of last year upon the application of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ott, of Chelsea, with whom she had been living for over a year previously, having been forced to retire from the stage because of rapidly failing memory.

Miss Vaughn, who was known off the stage as Mrs. Theresa Haupt, is one of the famous Ott family, her brothers including "Phil" and "Matt" Ott and the late "Joe" Ott, of "Star Gazer" fame. Four years ago her second husband, Theodore Haupt, died, and it is said, the former actress mentally began then to fall through grief. She gradually became more melancholy. A few months before she was committed to the asylum her brother "Joe" died suddenly, and from that time the sister's illness became more serious. Threats of suicide led to the application for her incarceration.

Theresa Vaughn is now nearly 40 years old. She went on the stage when a child and made a name for herself before she was twenty. Her greatest success was in a leading role in Rice's famous "1492."

FINDLAY WANTS \$100,000.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Among those appearing before the house committee on public buildings and grounds Saturday in behalf of public building bills was a delegation from Findlay, Ohio. They asked for \$100,000 for the construction of a public building in that city. It is understood the bill will receive favorable attention at the hands of the committee.

A Famous Old-Time Corner:

Old Landmarks, No. 56. By John Danner.

(Written for the News-Democrat.)

THE CASSILLY BLOCK, on the southeast corner of Market and Tuscarawas streets, is familiar to all our citizens. Having three store rooms on Market street and running the full length of the lot along Tuscarawas street with numerous stores on the first floor, and all being three stories high, it accommodates many kinds of business and offices.

Sixty years ago the two-story brick which we illustrate today stood on this corner and was known as "Shorb's Corner." It was built and occupied by Jacob Shorb, the grandfather of Thos. and Ed. Cassilly, who now own this fine and valuable property. When first built this building had but two store rooms, both on Market—one on the left and the other on the right of the hall. The hall served as an entrance to the residence part of the house, and had a stairway leading up to the second story. The store room on the left of the hall, which was the corner room, was the one Jacob Shorb used for his own general store. The store room to the right of the hall was occupied for some time by Peter Cassilly for general merchandising, groceries forming quite a prominent part. After this George W. Sickafosse had a general store in the room for some years. Mr. Sickafosse moved from here to Freeport, Ill., where he continued in mercantile business until his death, several years after he left Canton. His wife was a daughter of Mr. Vogelgesang, who lived three miles southwest of Canton, the first farm east of the one now owned and occupied by Thomas Van Horn, well known in Canton.

The store room to the left of the hall, after Jacob Shorb gave up his mercantile business, was occupied for some time by D. B. Pecker for the dry goods business. One of his principal clerks was Daniel Burget, who came here from Paris, in the eastern part of the county. He was a very good musician, and popular among the young people of those times. After that the room was occupied for some years by the late Joseph Hartman as a clothing store and merchant tailoring establishment. For quite a time Mr. Hartman had associated with him in business his son-in-law, Peter Shimp. Many of the older citizens will remember Peter Shimp. He came here from Onaburg and clerked for some years in the dry goods store of O. T. Browning, but after he married Miss Elizabeth Hartman he went into the business referred to with his father-in-law. After that Mr. Shimp went to Chicago

and was quite successful for some years in the real estate business. He and his wife have been dead for some years.

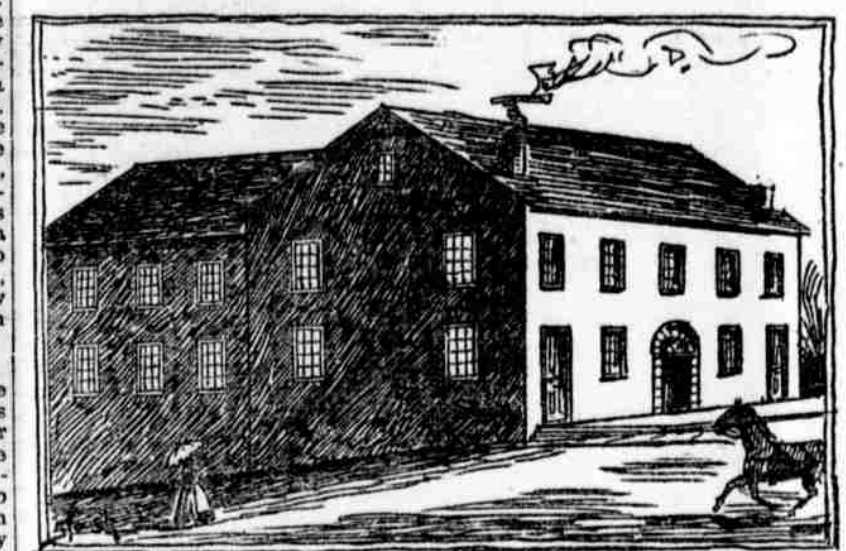
It was in this same Jacob Shorb corner, that Schilling and Herbruck afterwards first started in the dry goods business. The firm was composed of John Schilling and Augustus Herbruck. Our very successful and popular Ferdinand Herbruck was the first clerk in Schilling and Herbruck's store. Time makes wonderful changes.

That part of the lot of the Cassilly estate now occupied by Downer & Edwards as a five and ten cent store, was vacant for some years. Afterward it was built up two stories to correspond with that already built. The store room was occupied for quite a time by Henry H. Myers as a dry goods store; after that by Patton and Saxton for a grocery store, and still later by D. J. Begges for crockery and toys.

The old two-story brick first built

street stood two one-story frame buildings with quite a number of attachments, which were occupied so many years by the late L. Boerner for his bakery, and also for residence purposes.

The present three-story block, known as the Cassilly block, was built by the Cassillys in 1868, but extended eastward on Tuscarawas street only about one-half the length of the lot. Some years thereafter they built the eastern part down to Piedmont street. As now completed there are three good store rooms on Market street and quite a number on Tuscarawas street, together with many rooms and offices upstairs that make the block one of the important ones of Canton. One thing is quite noticeable. The tenants of the block are permanent, seldom moving, some of the occupants having been there over 20 years and many of them ten and fifteen years. Austin Lynch, Esquire, is the local agent here to look after the property. There are very few properties in Canton that



"Shorb's Corner," Where the Cassilly Block Now Stands.

by Jacob Shorb did not run back on Tuscarawas street more than about 65 or 70 feet. Beyond that to Piedmont street were wooden buildings, mostly one-story in height. Near the center of this cluster of frame buildings was a two-story house with a gable towards Tuscarawas street, in which C. C. A. Witting kept his drug store for some years. He also used the upstairs and rear part of the building for residence purposes. On the east end of the lot up to Piedmont

have remained in the same family connection as long as has this property, now well on to a century.

Jacob Shorb, the grandfather of Thomas and Ed. Cassilly, was a native of Maryland, and was a cousin of John, Adam A. and Joseph Shorb. He moved to Steubenville, Ohio, in 1805, and was engaged in merchandising there for several years, when he moved into Columbiana county, but did not reside there long until he came

OHIO IN LEAD

Heads Procession in Ceramic Products.

MORE CLAY THAN COAL

Is Put Out Yearly--Value of Ceramic Products in 1901 Reached \$20,000,000.

Ohio leads all the states in the manufacture of articles from clay. Last year, the value of the ceramic products of the state was above \$20,000,000. It exceeded the value of the coal product of the state by over \$5,000,000, counting the value of the two articles as they leave the plant and mine to go to market.

"Ohio is far ahead of any other state in the manufacture of the finer ceramic products," said Professor Edward Orton, Jr., of the Ohio State university, to the Cleveland Press yesterday while attending a session of the National Ceramic association in that city.

"The state has a very strong lead in all kinds of clay products have two, Pennsylvania, with its immense number of blast furnaces, leads in the manufacture of fire brick, while the demand for common brick around such great cities as New York and Philadelphia causes a greater production of that class of products than we make.

"But in the fine facing brick, fancy brick, enamel brick, fine tile, mosaics, pottery and sewer pipe we are easily in the lead, and by such a comfortable margin that no other state has a chance at the honors.

"The business is being developed rapidly, and the Ohio product is being sent all over the world. The manufacturers of the state were quick to see the scientific side of the business, and most plants have chemical departments and are operated on a purely scientific basis. To encourage this is one of the prime objects of our association. We believe the business depends for its success on the character of work done in the chemical laboratory.

"Ohio is known as a great coal state. Her annual output runs from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The Ohio ceramic products last year were worth \$20,000,000, being far ahead of the value of coal."

The National Ceramic society has elected these new officers: Ernest Mayer, Beaver Falls, Pa., president; Frank W. Walker, Beaver Falls, Pa., vice president; Edward Orton, Jr., Columbus, O., secretary; Stanley G. Burt,

Cincinnati, treasurer. The society has 80 members in America, England, Germany, Holland and Austria. Ten new associate members have been taken in at this meeting.

WORKING FOR WARD.

Vice President of This District of Amalgamated Association Is in the Field.

Youngstown Vindicator: A committee from the Sixth ward Republican club waited on Senator B. F. Wirt last night in behalf of John F. Ward, vice president of the Central Ohio district in the Amalgamated association, who seeks an appointment as a deputy inspector of workshops and factories of the state of Ohio.

The members of the committee urged upon Senator Wirt to use his influence to have Ward appointed to the place he seeks. This appointment is to be made by John H. Morgan, the state inspector of workshops and factories.

Mr. Ward already has the endorsement of every Amalgamated association lodge in this city, Niles, Warren and Girard, the Central Labor union of Youngstown, and no other candidate ever had such a strong following among the working classes he has.

RAZOR AND KNIFE

Figured in a Boarding House Fight in Massillon--Colored Man Under Arrest.

(Staff Special.)

Massillon, Feb. 17.—Monroe Hopper, colored, is under arrest here charged with cutting with intent to wound Owen Trails, another colored man. The trouble occurred at McNairy's boarding house in West South street Sunday evening.

Trails claims he was assaulted by Hopper after an exchange of hot words. Hopper used a razor with which it is claimed he cut a small gash on the back of Trail's neck. Hopper says he acted in self-defense as Trails first assaulted him with a butcher knife. Hopper will be arraigned before Mayor Wise Tuesday morning.

CABLES DAMAGED

Stark Co.'s Loss at Alliance.

(Staff Special.)

Alliance, Feb. 17.—Fire at George Yant's lumber yard Saturday afternoon resulted in a much greater loss than at first supposed. The Stark County Telephone company had two valuable cables damaged to the extent of \$1,500. The lines are being repaired as fast as possible.

TAVERN SIGN WILL COME DOWN

If Prices of Foodstuffs Do Not Drop, Says an Alliance Hotel Man.

Alliance lost one hotel by fire, this week. According to the Daily Leader of that city, the town is in danger of losing a second on account of the way the markets are soaring. The Leader tells this story:

"If business doesn't improve within the next few months I'll close up the hotel and convert it into business rooms and offices."

This startling declaration was made by Manager Ed. Beeson of the Hotel Keplinger in the lobby of the hotel Thursday morning.

"You are probably scared about the proposition to build a big hotel on the site of the burned Main street buildings," was suggested by the Leader man.

"Not much," emphatically said Beeson. "No sir," he continued, "the difficulty lies with the high price of food stuffs. Everything is away up in price. Butter and eggs, potatoes and meat—everything is at the top notch and our rates to the public have not advanced a cent. All city hotels have raised their rates and I'm afraid I shall have to do the same or take a header into the tureen. Mighty few hotels are making a cent at that. If it were not for revenue derived from bars, few hotels could stand the strain."

Mr. Beeson declined to discuss the Main street hotel project, merely saying that there were reasons why some people were agitating the subject. "Let 'em build a hotel," he said. "I don't care."

LOST HIS WIG

In Railroad Wreck and Now Company Will Buy Him Another.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 15.—At the wreck of the Erie flyer at Palau, while assistance was being given the injured, an incident of a humorous nature occurred.

An old gentleman who had long since lost all the hair on his head, and whose dome of thought was as bare as a billiard ball, was heard moaning as if in great physical distress. On inquiring if he was injured he said: "I have lost my hat and my wig went with it. The wig cost me \$40 and I don't know how I am ever going to get another. I am willing to lose the hat if the railroad company will only get me another wig."

His name was taken and after an official of the company assured him he would be reimbursed for his lost wig he quieted down and appeared perfectly satisfied.

to Canton. As near as I can find out he must have located in Canton about 1813. He had one son, Jacob Shorb, Jr., who assisted his father in the store. He died at about the age of 40, never having married. There were two daughters in the Shorb family. Catharine, the oldest, was the wife of Peter Cassilly. The Cassilly family lived some years in Zanesville, Ohio. They had four sons. The oldest died while living in Zanesville. The youngest died in Canton, quite young. The two living are Thomas A. and Edward A. Cassilly, who yet own this valuable property.

Thos. A. Cassilly lived here for years, but is now living in Maryland. He did live quite a while in Cincinnati. Edward A. Cassilly lives on one of the Cassilly farms, near Canal Fulton, in this county.

The youngest daughter of Jacob Shorb was Miss Louisa. She died when 35 or 40 years of age at her parents' home, she and her mother dying within twenty-four hours of each other, each lying a corpse at the same time. I think this was about 1850.

There were three branches of the Shorb family that settled in Canton from 1807 to 1815. First there was John Shorb and family. He was fatally injured in the first St. John's church building by the falling of some timber. He was the father of John, Adam A. and Joseph Shorb, who were so well known here fifty years ago. Jacob Shorb, who is spoken of so often in our articles, was a cousin of the three last named, and Adam L. Shorb was a son of still another brother of the older Shorbs. They were all Catholics, and excellent citizens.

TO A CHINAMAN.

This Salem Woman Gave Her Insurance Policy Before Committing Suicide.

(Staff Special.)

Salem, Feb. 1.—The girl, Elsie Brown, who took creosote at Pittsburg, Thursday morning, died Friday morning in the Homeopathic hospital. Her real name was Mary Haley, and she had gone to Pittsburg from Salem, O., where she had made her home for several years. Her mother lived at Leetonia, and two brothers lived with her. There are two sisters, who are married, living in Lisbon.

Mary Haley was in Salem about two weeks ago and called at that time on the Chinese laundryman, Chan You, for whom she had worked for several years. While here at that time she was drinking heavily and continued to do so after returning to Pittsburg. She was insured in the Prudential In-

urance company, the policy being worth at the present time \$168. Chan You holds the policy, but has promised to turn it over to her relatives, James Taylor, a brother-in-law, who lives in Lisbon. Was notified last night of her death and went to Pittsburg this morning to claim the body. The remains will be taken to Lisbon tonight, but no arrangements have been made yet for the funeral.

NEW BERLIN NOTES.

New Berlin, Feb. 15.—A sleighing party of young people went to Massillon Thursday evening and surprised Mrs. L. Meckle, formerly of New Berlin. A delightful time was had.

Miss Sadie Meyer, of Elkhart, Ind., is a Berlin visitor.

Miss Mildred Shultz entertained a sleighing party from Canton Thursday evening.

A sleighing party composed of members of the G. A. R., were entertained by a comrade near Cairo, Thursday evening.

The literary club met at the home of Emma Holl Monday evening. The following program was rendered: "Germany in the 18th Century," Carrie Holl; "The German Empire Restored," Fannie Evans; "System of Government," Elsie Wise; "Where Women Study Farming," Lillie Kreighbaum, and "Rore Gertrude" (sister), Mary Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Brumbaugh, of Midway, were Berlin visitors Sunday.

INDUSTRIES OF BELMONT.

Wheeling News: In the next few months several hundred additional miners will be given employment in the Belmont and Jefferson county mines that are just ready to start.

Work on the two additional mills for the Laughlin Nail company's sheet plant will be started inside of two or three weeks and they will likely be in operation by summer. The plant is running splendidly with plenty of orders.

Ate \$25,000 Worth of Liver.

Among the many poker stories about a good one is told concerning Dutch Hank, a well known player of Rochester, N. Y. Hank went into Daly's place, in New York city, one day and sat in a game, winning \$25,000 with very little trouble. Then he rose to go, thinking it was time to stop. Daly, shook hands with him and asked him what was his hurry. Hank said he would have to go to a Dutch restaurant he knew where they always cooked liver in a way that he particularly liked.

"Oh, if that's all," said Daly, "just stay here. We can serve the liver just that way, and you can go right on playing."

Dutch Hank had left some friends outside waiting, but he said he would stay and eat the liver. He sat down and ate and played. His \$25,000 soon went back to Daly in a turn of luck. Hank went out without a cent.

"What kept you so long?" his friends demanded.

"Well, you don't suppose a man can eat \$25,000 worth of liver in a minute, do you?" was the retort of Hank.